

**Getting to Zero Illinois (GTZ-IL) is an ambitious plan to end the HIV epidemic in Illinois by 2030.** This plan paves the path toward a day in which there are zero new transmissions of HIV in Illinois and every person living with HIV and AIDS will get the care they need to thrive. **GTZ-IL is for everyone in Illinois.**

**To be successful, we must work together to achieve our 20+20 Target, which establishes goals for people living with HIV and who are vulnerable to HIV:**

**+** Increase by 20 percentage points the number of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed. HIV treatment helps people living with HIV stay healthy. Moreover, if their viral load is undetectable because of successful treatment with HIV medications, they cannot transmit the virus sexually (U=U).

**+** Increase by 20 percentage points the number of people vulnerable to HIV who use pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). When used consistently and correctly, PrEP is a pill and program that is nearly 100% effective at preventing an HIV-negative person from contracting HIV sexually.

## How many people are affected by HIV and AIDS in Illinois?

In 2017, an estimated 39,842 people were living with HIV in Illinois, 23,835 of whom lived in the City of Chicago. Despite significant progress in reducing new HIV cases, dramatic health disparities remain.

## Who is most impacted by HIV and AIDS in Illinois?

After reviewing epidemiological data, GTZ-IL will focus its attention on four key priority populations who are most-impacted by HIV: Black and Latino/Latinx gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, transgender women of color, and Black cisgender heterosexual women.

# Our Journey To Getting to Zero Illinois

HIV stakeholders explored what it would take to Get to Zero



GTZ-IL gathered insights and feedback from 845 Illinoisans



Eight focus groups for HIV priority populations



The GTZ-IL Framework was released, unveiling the 20+20 Target

Nine town hall meetings across the state

People from across Illinois provided over 300 unique comments for feedback on the draft plan

More than 100 participants kicked off a process to develop the first five-year plan



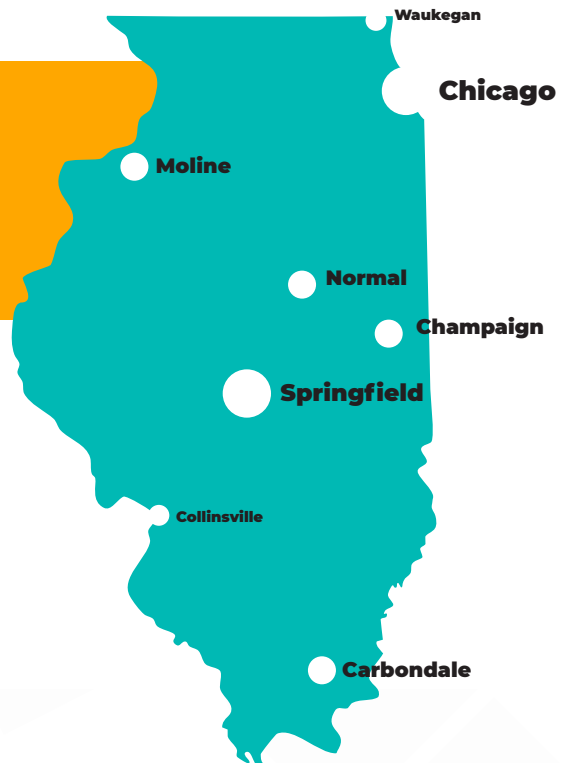
The GTZ-IL plan is released to the public



a 28-page draft plan was released for review and community feedback



**Town Hall Meeting Locations**

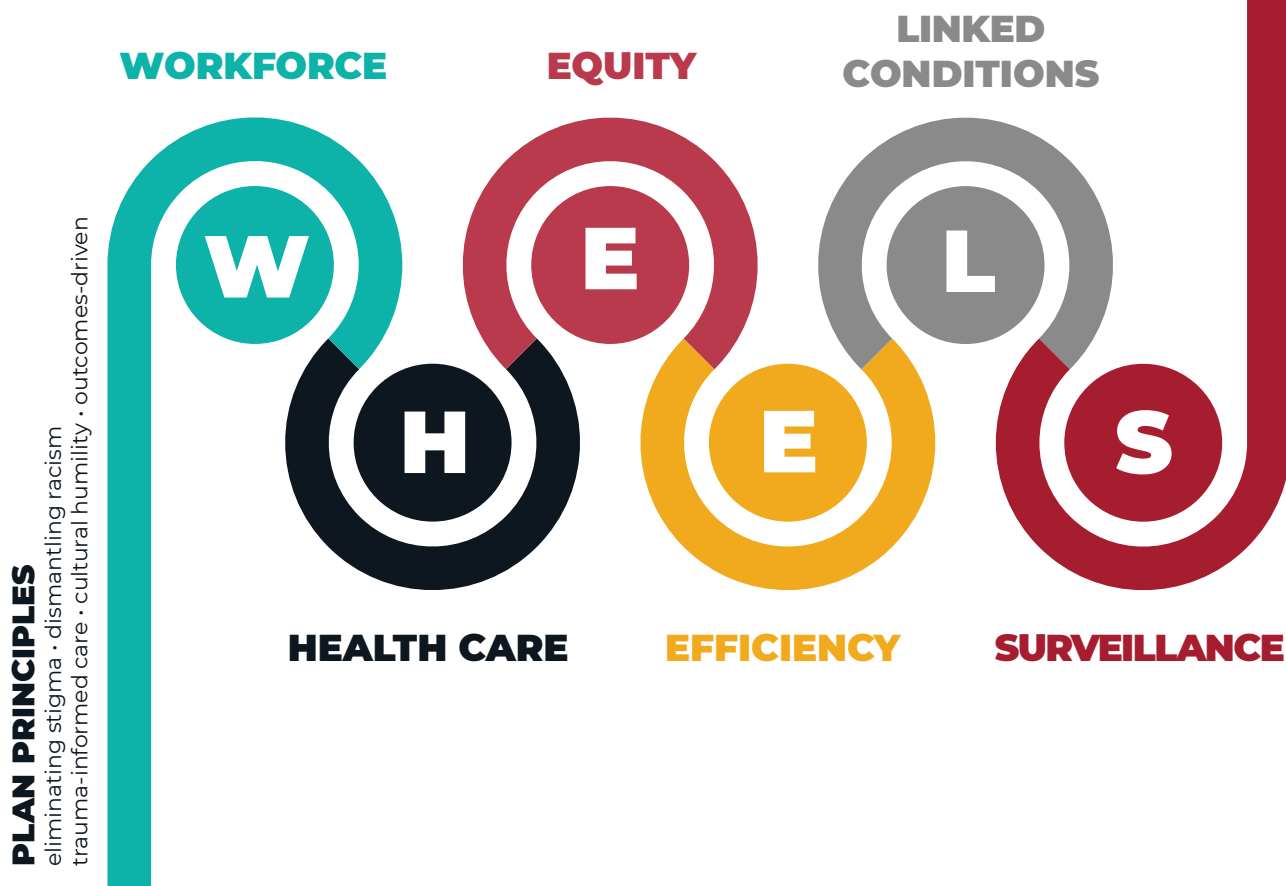


**Efforts to end the HIV epidemic must be led by a deep commitment to undeniable truths. GTZ-IL's guiding principles are reminders that we can't be successful without:**

- + Eliminating stigma:** Stigma, in all forms, stands in the way of achieving health equity and the outcomes necessary to end the HIV epidemic.
- + Dismantling racism:** Through our work to end the epidemic, we will actively reframe and dismantle systems that perpetuate white privilege.
- + Prioritizing trauma prevention and trauma-informed care:** GTZ-IL will ground its work in principles that honor the importance of safety and empowerment.
- + Cultural humility:** Cultural humility centers on being open to difference between Self and Other and prioritizes space for celebrating that which is most important to the other person.
- + Focusing on data to achieve outcomes:** Our priority outcomes, increasing viral suppression and PrEP use by 20 percentage points by 2030, will be the standard by which we measure our progress and success.

**WE'RE TAKING ACTION IN SIX DOMAINS.**

Based on extensive input from people across Illinois, our plan will focus on six key areas. Overall, our work will uplift and operate through the lens of our Plan Principles.



## THE GTZ-IL PLAN IS TAKING ACTION IN SIX DOMAINS:

- 1** Build the future **workforce**: Foster new approaches and adapt evolving needs.
- 2** Increase access to **health care**: Enhance care and increase access for people living with HIV and AIDS.
- 3** Improve health **equity**: End health disparities associated with race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, age, residency status and lived experience.
- 4** Increase **efficiency** through governmental coordination: Coordinate activities to expand the reach of necessary services and strengthen the HIV service delivery system.
- 5** Care for **linked, co-occurring conditions**: Increase access to treatment for mental health, substance use, STIs and viral hepatitis.
- 6** Measure our **progress through surveillance** and other data: Improve data gathering, sharing and exploration to benefit systems of care.

Each domain contains multiple goals and strategies, for a total of 22 goals and 78 strategies. Together, these create a plan that will help us achieve our outcomes and accelerate progress toward ending the epidemic.

### The next leg of the journey includes making the GTZ-IL plan a reality.

To bring it to life — and to achieve the life-saving goals of GTZ-IL — a statewide implementation council will be established. Implementation workgroups will also be created as needed to oversee areas of the plan, such as research and evaluation. The workgroups will focus on bringing to life the plan's strategies.

We will continue to seek feedback and guidance from those most impacted by the HIV epidemic. We must all work together to transform the HIV epidemic in our state!

To learn more about GTZ-IL and how to get involved, go to <https://gtzillinois.hiv>

